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SUBJ: IMMIGRANT VISA APPLICATION OF GENERAL QUANG

REF: STATE 186338 AND PREVIOUS

1. GENERAL QUANG CALLED AT THE CONSULATE GENERAL WITH HIS WIFE AND NEPHEW ON AUGUST 6 IN RESPONSE TO OUR LETTER ADVISING HIM THAT HE DID NOT QUALIFY FOR REFUGEE STATUS. HE PRESENTED THE INITIAL APPLICATION FORM (FS-497). HE DOES NOT APPEAR TO QUALIFY FOR ANY VISA CATEGORY EXCEPT NON-PREFERENCE PROVIDED HE CAN OBTAIN AN APPROVED LABOR CERTIFICATION (WHICH WOULD ALSO PROBABLY QUALIFY HIM FOR SIXTH PREFERENCE). HE CLAIMS HE HAS NO MONEY AND COULD NOT ATTEMPT TO QUALIFY AS AN "INVESTOR" OR A PERSON WHO DOES NOT INTEND TO SEEK EMPLOYMENT. HE WAS PROVIDED WITH THE NECESSARY LABOR CERTIFICATION FORMS (MA-7-50-A-B) WHICH HE SAID HE WOULD SEND TO HIS (UNNAMED) SPONSOR. THE CONSULAR OFFICER INFORMED HIM THAT LABOR CERTIFICATIONS WERE NOT EASY TO OBTAIN AND THAT THE ENTIRE APPLICATION PROCEDURE WOULD TAKE TIME.

2. GENERAL QUANG REPEATED SEVERAL TIMES THAT HIS SITUATION WAS CRITICAL, HIS WIFE'S HEALTH WAS ENDANGERED, AND THE CANADIANS WERE PRESSURING HIM TO LEAVE. HE BELIEVED THAT THE CANADIANS WERE USING HIM AS A POLITICAL PAWN. HE REPEATED A PREVIOUS STATEMENT THAT THE CANADIANS WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR HIS SITUATION.

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HAD THEY NOT INVITED HIM TO CANADA HE WOULD NOT BE IN THIS

DESPERATE SITUATION. FIRST THEY INVITED HIM TO COME, NOW THEY TELL HIM TO LEAVE.

3. THE CONSULAR OFFICER ASKED THE GENERAL WHY HE DID NOT APPEAL HIS DEPORTATION ORDER IF ALL CHARGES MADE IN THE PRESS WERE UNTRUE. HE INDICATED THAT HIS ATTEMPT TO FIND A LAWYER ON SUCH SHORT NOTICE WAS UNSUCCESSFUL. THE LAWYERS CONTACTED WANTED HUGE SUMS OF MONEY WHICH HE CLAIMS HE DOES NOT HAVE. HE INDICATED, HOWEVER, THAT CANADIAN IMMIGRATION TELEPHONED HIM AT THAT TIME AND TOLD HIM THAT IF HE STILL WISHED TO APPEAL, IT WOULD BE NECESSARY TO REPORT TO THEIR OFFICE BEFORE C.O.B. THAT DAY AND COMPLETE THE NECESSARY FORMS. THIS HE DID, ONLY TO BE ADVISED LATER BY OTTAWA, THAT HIS APPLICATION FOR APPEAL WAS TOO LATE.

4. THE POSSIBILITY OF COUNTRIES OTHER THAN U.S. WAS DISCUSSED WITH THE GENERAL, E.G., TAIWAN, WHERE PRESIDENT THIEU HAD GONE, OR WHEREVER HE (QUANG) MIGHT HAVE FAMILY. HE STATED THAT TAIWAN IS NOT POSSIBLE, THAT THIEU'S STAY THERE HAD BEEN TEMPORARY AND THAT THIEU HAD A SPONSOR IN THE U.K. WHERE HE PLANNED TO SETTLE. MOREOVER, ALTHOUGH HE HAS A DAUGHTER IN FRANCE AND TWO DAUGHTERS IN AUSTRIA, HE WAS CERTAIN THAT HE WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO JOIN THEM.

5. SEVERAL TIMES DURING THE CONVERSATION QUANG MENTIONED THAT HE KNEW MANY IMPORTANT AMERICANS, THAT HE HAD BEEN TRAINED BY THE U.S. MILITARY, AND THAT RELATIONS BETWEEN THE U.S. AND VIET-NAM HAD BEEN VERY CLOSE. HE WAS ADVISED, HOWEVER, THAT THE ISSUANCE OF VISAS FOLLOWED STRICT LEGAL PROCEDURES WHICH COULD NOT BE ALTERED BY SUCH CONSIDERATIONS.

6. THE GENERAL WAS ADVISED THAT ALL INQUIRIES CONCERNING HIS APPLICATION WOULD BE REFERRED TO HIM.

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